

KACL Class Descriptions, Fall 2019

October 15 – November 22

KACL classes meet in KCHE Room 131.
Please check the message board at the
KCHE entrance for room changes.

Tuesday 10:00 AM – Noon

October 15: **America at the Beginning of the 2020s.** Dr. Daryl Carter, Associate Professor of History, ETSU, will discuss the political and cultural issues facing the United States in the 2020s. Dr. Carter will cover President Trump, the Democrats, Race, Culture, and the future of the United States.

***Meet for Coffee and Muffins at 9:30 a.m. on the first day of Fall Term!**

October 22: ***FIELD TRIP to Barter Theatre: Behind the Scenes Tour, Lunch Catered at the Barter Lounge, and "The Producers" matinee at 2 p.m.** Note: \$40 per KACL member.

Tour starts promptly at 11 a.m. in the Barter Theatre. Carpooling from Kingsport is recommended.

October 29: **The Four Corners of the United States.** Dr. Ron Zucker, Retired Professor of Computer Science, ETSU, and avid landscape photographer will take us on a multi-media photographic journey to the Four Corner States (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah). We will visit many of America's beautiful national parks in the American Southwest, including the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Arches, and many more.

November 5: **Australia and New Zealand.** Mr. John Barrett, Sullivan County Schools retiree, will treat us to reflections and observations about a visit to these countries, gleaned from a month-long visit in 2017.

November 12: **Truth, Justice, Excellence in Barbecue, and the American Way of Life.** Fred Sauceman, Senior Writer and Associate Professor of Appalachian Studies, ETSU. The "Barbecue Oath" is a pledge that ETSU's Fred Sauceman has repeated many times before judging barbecue all over the South. While barbecue is one of America's most debated dishes, it's also one of our most historic, dating back thousands of years and shaped by resourceful natives and immigrants all along the way. A backyard barbecuer himself and a chronicler of East Tennessee's beloved Ridgewood, Fred will talk about the history of barbecue, from the Caribbean-influenced whole hog and vinegar sauce traditions of Eastern North Carolina to the microclimate of white sauce in North Alabama.

November 19: **Rediscovering Pompeii.** Having just returned from a field season in Pompeii, Mrs. Lisa Rolan will share the latest interpretation of that fantastic slice of life. In a span of two days, the seaside town of Pompeii, at the base of Mt. Vesuvius, disappeared, buried by the cataclysmic eruption of 79 CE. Its violent death was so complete that even its memory was wiped from the Roman consciousness. Then, in the 18th century, the shroud of volcanic debris was slowly lifted, revealing a vivid city intact. The tangible evidence of its architecture, roads, water systems, bakeries, restaurants, cemeteries, places of worship, public baths, and markets gave the world a spectacular slice of ancient Roman life.

Tuesday 2 – 4 PM

December 3: ***FIELD TRIP to Barter Theatre: "White Christmas" matinee at 2 p.m.**

Note: \$21 per KACL member. Carpooling from Kingsport is recommended.

Wednesday 1:30 – 3:30 PM

October 16 through November 20: **The Celtic World.** Dr. Jennifer Paxton, Professor, Catholic University of America. Dr. Paxton presents (on DVD) six lectures that explore who the Celts are and discusses their long history, culture, and lasting effect on the world from 500 BC to today.

Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 PM

October 17: Current Practice and Trends in Financial Services. Mr. Randel Taylor, Eastman Credit Union.
Mr. Taylor will cover existing and emerging technology within the financial services sector with a focus on banking, with additional comments about online security and ways to avoid scams.

October 24: The First Soldier: Hitler as Military Leader. Dr. Stephen Fritz, Professor of History, ETSU.
Dispelling the notion that Hitler's strategy was inadequate and ill-informed, Dr. Fritz explores how it could be considered rational, coherent, and competent. While Hitler's generals did sometimes object to his tactics and operational direction, Dr. Fritz will explain how they were often in agreement regarding their leader's larger strategic and political goals.

October 31: Culture, Social Change, and Community Development in Kingsport. Mr. Shelburne Ferguson, Jr., Attorney-at-Law. The cultures of the Cherokee Nation and many of the founders of Kingsport have led to who we are today. Mr. Ferguson will speak about several of these individuals and how their culture and work ethic helped Kingsport become what it is today. He will also point out some of the needs of present-day Kingsport where we can make a difference.

November 7: The Basics of Digital Photography. Mr. Rick Currie, Attorney-at-Law, Retired. Mr. Currie will provide tips and techniques to produce more appealing images and show examples of nature, wildlife and travel photographs. He will discuss the equipment and processing software he uses and will bring cameras, lenses, and accessories with him to display and illustrate his work.

November 14: Building Cultural Bridges: Premises, Promises, and Privileges – Our Call to Action.
Dr. Brenda White Wright, friend of Sharon, and Ms. Sharon Petke, friend of Brenda.
Brenda and Sharon will share about the *divinely inspired* journey on which their friendship is taking them. Cultural gaps are closing as they build bridges of understanding and trust. We will join them in a conversation regarding issues of diversity, God's promises, this nation's premises, societal privileges, and building relationships across cultures.

Friday 10:00 AM – Noon

October 18: The Secret History of RDX – The Super Explosive that Helped Win World War II.
Dr. Colin F. Baxter, Professor Emeritus of History, ETSU. Twice as powerful as TNT, RDX was the most powerful explosive in the world until the atomic bomb. Dr. Baxter discusses the origin, development, and use of RDX by the Allies to help win the war. The production of RDX was by no means a certainty. In the presentation, Dr. Baxter explores the pivotal role of RDX and Torpex in the Battle of the Atlantic, its use in American submarine torpedo warheads, as well as an explosive in Allied bombs. In the form of C-4 or plastic explosive, RDX destroyed enemy bridges and anti-tank obstacles. Last but not least, Composition B was a key element in the trigger device of the "Fat Boy" plutonium bomb dropped on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945.

October 25: FIELD TRIP to Gray Fossil Site:
Hands On! Fun, Lab/Collections Tours at 10 a.m., 1212 Suncrest Drive, Gray, TN. Lunch on your own.

November 1: The Chemical Industry in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, Part II: The Rest of the Story. Dr. Bob Maleski, Retired, Eastman Chemical Company. The history of important chemical manufacturers other than Eastman (Olin Mathieson Chlor-Alkali Works, Massengill Pharma and legacy companies, Federal Dyestuffs and Chemical Corporation, Beaver Chemical Works, Bemberg and North American Rayon, and American Enka Rayon) will be the subject of this presentation. These companies, now gone, practiced a wide range of chemistry and contributed greatly to the economic development of the region. Sadly, some were also responsible for significant environmental damage, and one resulted in the formation of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Friday 10:00 AM – Noon (continued)

November 8: The History of Holston Medical Group (HMG). Jerry Miller, M.D., founder and former CEO, Holston Medical Group. Dr. Miller will speak about the origin, need for, development, and growth of Holston Medical Group; rural health in America; access, quality, and cost of health care today; and health care in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia today and beyond.

November 15: *FIELD TRIP to Kingsport Times–News: 701 Lynn Garden Drive. Because of tour size limitations, KACL will make two tours, one before and one after the presentation at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education (KCHE). Please register for either Tour #1 or Tour #2.

Tour #1: 9 a.m. tour at newspaper, 10 a.m. lecture at KCHE.

Tour #2: 10 a.m. lecture at KCHE, 11 a.m. tour at newspaper.

November 22: Forensic Document Examination. Dr. Chris Rush, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, ETSU. Dr. Rush will present an introduction on how documents can be fraudulently manufactured and accepted as legal evidence and proof of a transaction. This session will cover how fraudulent documents are created, what to look for in cases of suspected fraud, and how to prevent a fraudulent attempt. Numerous case studies will be presented to help illustrate the discussion.

NOTE: *KACL End-of-Term Luncheon Meeting and Evaluation will follow this program at 12:30 p.m. No cost.

Friday 1:30 – 3:30 PM

October 18: The Formula for Creating a Healthy Community. Ms. Kandy Childress, Director, Healthy Kingsport. For the past 20 years Tennessee has consistently ranked among the least healthy states in the nation. The health and well-being of our local community mirror the dire health status of our state. Improving our local health outcomes can only occur when a community creates and maintains positive behavioral change through community efficacy. Learn how Healthy Kingsport, a grassroots, community-led non-profit, is employing national best practice models to change the trajectory of local health outcomes, creating a ripple effect on communities across Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

October 25: FIELD TRIP to the Gray Fossil Site continues, if you wish.

November 1: The Art of Zentangle®. Ms. Kay Grogg, Certified Zentangle Teacher. The Zentangle® Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. You do not need previous artistic experience to learn this method of drawing. Kay will introduce you to the method during this session and you will leave with a unique piece of artwork that you created.

November 8: Differences between Federal and State Jury Systems; The War on Drugs in East Tennessee. Mr. Rick Tipton, US Courts, Greeneville, TN–Mr. Tipton will discuss how federal and state jury systems differ. He will also tell us about how the war on drugs in East Tennessee, which includes ten counties, is progressing and about its successes and problems.

November 15: Can We Really Learn from the Experience of Others? How Shared Learnings Can Become Actual Change. Mr. Peter Lodol, Principal, D and H Process Safety. This presentation recounts the creation of the first safety committee at Eastman Kodak Company, and how its formation relates to one of the seminal industrial accidents of the 20th Century, the Triangle Shirtwaist fire of March 1911. The presentation will review the Triangle Case History and discuss how its impact was felt, and how changes were made, in many different industries as a result. Another significant incident, the Piper Alpha offshore platform fire of 1988, will be reviewed as an example of what can be learned from an incident.